

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group
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Tuesday 13th February at 9.30 am
In the Presbytery
Minutes

Chair: Christine
Apologies: Tom, Peter, Teresa
Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Stations of the Cross – Seventh Station, Jesus falls the second time
We noted that the Lenten talk on Monday 19th will be about these Stations of the Cross.

Informing Ourselves: Love the Stranger p.14-16
This stresses that it is the responsibility of each of us to promote peace and human rights throughout the world so that peoples can flourish in the countries where they live and discussed the need to campaign to ensure the Aid budget is adequate and appropriately spent.

Reports:

Food Collection – Christian Care were very grateful for the food collection. Next month we will collect on 2/3rd March for Faith in Action. Christine hopes to be able to deliver to Faith in action on Wednesday 6th.

There will be a class hiring the hall on Monday morning at 9.30 from next month. We will therefore need to store the collection elsewhere, normally till Monday morning but sometimes till Wednesday. Margaret will check with Fr Francis whether it can be stored in the presbytery, and ensure it is publicised in the newsletter where donations should be left. Christine offered to store the collection till Wednesday on Faith in Action months, if it cannot be in presbytery till Wednesday.

Planning

Charity of the Year 2024 – Christian Care, we will aim to interview the new Executive Manager, Jenny Clayton for the June edition of Talkabout and promote Christian Care then.

Ethical Actions: April: Plant herb seeds

May: No Mow May

June: Save water – Use a water butt

Mary's Meals – Sponsor a school

The Parish received an email suggesting the Parish might sponsor a school that feeds children with Mary's Meals. This would require raising £10,000 a year. We agreed that this was not realistic for us, and our focus this year is on Christian Care. We might promote Mary's meals next year, but not undertake this sponsorship.

Treasurer's report: £120.02

Any other business: World Day of Prayer – 1st March. Written this year by Christian Women of Palestine, takes place at St Mark's Church, Wimbledon at 10.30 am. Julie and Margaret will go from the Church after 9.00 Mass.

Christine has researched suppliers of **Fairtrade** Goods, with a view to Fairtrade Fortnight in September. Tearfund are not organising sales, but mentioned a centre in Dulwich which supplies goods on a Sale or Return basis. Julie and Christine will research this.

The next **Southwark JPIC Assembly** will be on Saturday 1st June in Petts Wood (near Orpington).

Lenten lunches each Friday in Lent, 12 – 2 in the hall.

Cafod Family Fast Day – Friday 23rd February.

Time and Place of next meeting – Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 9.30 am in the Presbytery

Chair: Barbara

Grace was said